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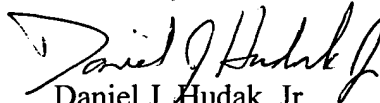
Sir:

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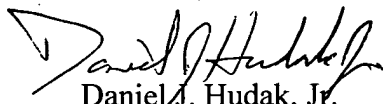
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The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief states that the status of cancelled claims 11-12 is not indicated. Accordingly, a replacement page 1 is submitted wherein the status of claims has been amended to clarify that claims 11-12 have previously been cancelled.

The Patent Appeals Specialist states that the Brief does contain the headings (ix) Evidence Appendix and (x) Related Proceedings Appendix, but each Appendix should start on a separate page. Accordingly, three new pages including the Evidence Appendix and Related Proceedings Appendix are hereby attached.

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BRIEF FOR APPELLANT

Appellant has appealed the Final Rejection of January 23, 2008. Please consider this Appeal Brief filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.37.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

By virtue of an Assignment dated December 21, 2004, by the named inventors, the real party in interest is BRITA GmbH, having a business address of Heinrich-Hertz-Strasse 4, Taunusstein, Germany 65232. The Assignment has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2005 at Reel 017193 and Frame 0215.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences known to the Appellant which will affect or have bearing on the Board's decision concerning this appeal.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 and 13-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10, 13-19, 21, 25 and 26 have been rejected. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 20, 23 and 24 have been allowed. Claim 22 has been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Rejected claims 1-10, 13-19, 21, 25 and 26 are being appealed.

Evidence Appendix

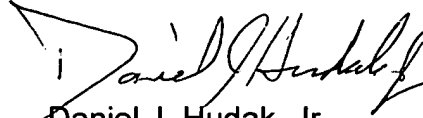
A copy of Exhibits A and B are attached to the Appeal Brief. Exhibits A and B were included in Appellant's Amendment "E" entered November 19, 2007. The Examiner's Office Action mailed January 23, 2008 indicated the status as being responsive to the communications filed November 19, 2007 and page 2 of the Detailed Action indicated that the additionally filed claims were entered.

Related Proceedings Appendix

Not Applicable.

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